

Dated: _____

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

to the Office in a prior application number 09/956,359, filed September 18, 2001 and relied upon in this application for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(h), the filing of this Information Disclosure statement shall not be construed to be an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to therein is “prior art” for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency of up to \$300.00 or credit any excess in this fee to Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

Dated: March 7, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

By Launa C. Brutman

Laura C. Brutman

Registration No.: 38,395

DARBY & DARBY P.C.

P.O. Box 5257

New York, New York 10150-5257

(212) 527-7700

(212) 527-7701 (Fax)

Attorneys/Agents For Applicant



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/B/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Use as many sheets as necessary)				Complete if Known	
				Application Number	10/760,059-Conf. #8956
				Filing Date	January 16, 2004
				First Named Inventor	William T. Donofrio
				Art Unit	N/A
				Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	02640/100H821-US2

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)			
	**AA	US-6,090,123	07-18-2000	Culp et al.	
	**AB	US-6,066,135	05-23-2000	Honda	
	**AC	US-6,019,775	02-01-2000	Sakurai	
	**AD	US-6,017,354	01-25-2000	Culp et al.	
	**AE	US-5,968,007	10-19-1999	Simon et al.	
	**AF	US-5,897,569	04-27-1999	Kellogg et al.	
	**AG	US-5,879,364	03-09-1999	Bromfield et al.	
	**AH	US-5,707,369	01-13-1998	Vaitekunas et al.	
	**AI	US-5,630,420	05-20-1997	Vaitekunas	
	**AJ	US-5,449,370	09-12-1995	Vaitekunas	
	**AK	US-5,425,704	06-20-1995	Sakurai et al.	
	**AL	US-5,400,267	03-21-1995	Denen et al.	
	**AM	US-5,180,363	01-19-1993	Idemoto et al.	
	**AN	US-5,026,387	06-25-1991	Thomas	
	**AO	US-5,112,300	05-12-1992	Ureche	
	**AP	US-5,001,649	03-19-1991	Lo et al.	
	**AQ	US-2,917,691	12-15-1959	DePrisco et al.	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Country Code ³ -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (if known)			
	**BA	JP-2000-175926	06-27-2000		

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ²
	**CA	European Search Report dated 11-20-2003	

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--



Application No. (if known): 10/760,059

Attorney Docket No.: 02640/100H821-US2

Certificate of Express Mailing Under 37 CFR 1.10

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail, Airbill No. _____ in an envelope addressed to:

EV330173325-US

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

on March 7, 2005
Date

Signature

Typed or printed name of person signing Certificate

Registration Number, if applicable

Telephone Number

Note: Each paper must have its own certificate of mailing, or this certificate must identify each submitted paper.

Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages)
PTO/SB/08A listing 19 references (1 page)
**No references supplied
Return Receipt Postcard